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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Records with observations the Report on the Administration of the Civil Veterinary Department for 1929-30.

READ—

Letter No. C. 776 of 30-31, dated 9th September 1930, from the Director of Agriculture, submitting among others, the report on the administration of the Civil Veterinary Department for 1929-30.

ORDER No. D. 5252-316—C. V. 39-30-3, DATED 15TH NOVEMBER 1930.

Recorded.

There was a marked decrease in the outbreak of Rinderpest during the year as only 995 outbreaks were registered as against 2,288 during the previous year. This is said to be chiefly due to the intensive campaign that has been carried on against the disease by S. S. inoculation whose efficacy has been established beyond a doubt. As pointed out last year, cattle fairs, to which cattle are brought from bordering infected villages, were the chief sources of infection. Another source is said to be the cattle from infected areas purchased by dealers at certain weekly markets and marched through villages in the course of their trade. Government are glad to learn that the rules issued last year for the control of cattle diseases by the prevention of cattle movement from infected areas and the furthering of inoculation, etc., have already been productive of good results. As the Director, however, points out, these rules can be effectively enforced only if the outbreaks of contagious diseases are promptly reported. Though there is said to be some improvement in this direction, yet it is apparent that much laxity still exists in a few districts, especially in those of Mysore, Bangalore and Hassan. Government desire to impress upon District Officers the importance of co-operating with the Civil Veterinary Department in this matter by taking prompt action against delinquents. The Director is requested to bring to the notice of Government any cases of negligence in this respect. The rules for the control of cattle shows and fairs are under the consideration of Government and when they are brought into force, it is hoped that the chances of infection will be still further reduced.

Owing to the great reduction in the work of inoculation against Rinderpest, it was possible to devote more attention to other contagious diseases, such as, Black-quarter, Anthrax and Hæmorrhagic septicæmia. When Sera and Vaccines for these diseases, also, are manufactured at the local Institute, it will be possible to control them much more effectively.

Hospitals and Dispensaries.—Seven new dispensaries were opened during the year under review bringing their total number in the State to 57. There was a slight fall in the number of cases treated at the Veterinary institutions, which is ascribed by the Director to the outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease having been less severe than in the previous year. As pointed out by the Director, however, there is considerable room for improvement in the attendance at these institutions. He is requested to take necessary action in the matter.

It is gratifying to note that the work of the department is being increasingly appreciated by the public. From all parts of the State, there are insistent demands for the opening of more dispensaries, backed up by offers of assistance by local bodies and private persons. Three new dispensary buildings gifted by philanthropic gentlemen were opened during the year and two more are reported to be under construction. The Director is requested to convey the thanks of Government to the donors.

Cattle Fairs.—Out of 90 cattle fairs held during the year, the staff of the Veterinary Department attended 85, opening temporary dispensaries wherever possible for the treatment of sick animals and demonstrating the simple method of castration by the Burdizzo pincers. The complaint of the Superintendent that these Fairs are held under no definite system and often without giving due intimation to the Department will, it is expected, be obviated when the abovementioned rules for their control are issued.

Breeding Bulls.—Three young Amritmahal bulls were supplied to the Department from the Parvatharayanakere Cattle Breeding Station.

Public Conveyance Animals.—It is pointed out that in the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore many unfit animals are being used for public conveyances plying for hire. The Municipal Councils concerned are requested to take necessary action in the matter.

In reviewing the last year's Administration Report of the Department, the Inspector-General of Police was requested to take steps to see that the police co-operated with Veterinary Officers by taking prompt action when cases of cruelty were reported to them. The Inspector-General is requested to submit a report in the matter at an early date.

Scientific Section.—The two extra Assistant Superintendents engaged in research work were provided with certain laboratory facilities in the Mycological Section of the Department of Agriculture. In addition to assisting the Department in the examination and identification of diseased material, they continued their investigations into the following diseases:—

Johne's disease, Anthrax, Sheep-pox and Parasitic diseases.

Government are pleased to learn that these two officers did good work during the year.

General.—The annual departmental conference was held during the year, as also the second meeting of the Mysore Veterinary Medical Association at which many interesting papers were read and discussed.

Government are glad to note that many non-official gentlemen actively co-operated in the work of the department which was conducted in a satisfactory manner by Major Simpson and his staff.

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